

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 2, 10, and 20.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An information processing method for a user of a printer in a printing system in a business environment for access to data to be printed by said printer in a network having a plurality of printers and a plurality of input devices enabling access to a printer of said plurality of printers comprising:

providing user information at a first location in said network using an input device at said first location in said network;

receiving a data card comprising a low cost disposable material consisting of one of a paper sheet and a piece of card stock by a user by the printing of said data card at a first location using a first printer of said plurality of printers in a business system for facilitating the billing for printer consumables for use of said printer by a user of said printer, said data card including printed indicia descriptive of user information of at least one of information about a sender of said data and information about a recipient for said data and data information of at least one of credentials for authorization of a print job, credentials for authentication of a print job, information for decryption of a print job, and information for identification of a print job, said printed indicia comprising access credentials for access to said data;

reading said printed indicia to use said user information and data information to verify said access credentials at any desired printer at any desired location of a printer of said plurality of printers in said printing system in a business environment;

providing access to said data to said recipient in response to said access credentials that have been verified [verification]; [and]

printing said data using any desired printer of said plurality of printers in said printing system in a business environment at any second location in said network different than said first location in said network; and

collecting statistical data of the location of the printer of said plurality of printers in said printing system used for printing said data.

2. (Canceled)
3. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein said indicia comprises a series of printed ink bar code symbols.
4. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said indicia comprises a substance non-visible in the human visible light spectrum.
5. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said indicia comprises a series of user customized symbols.
6. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said data information comprises identification of the data and the source of the data.
7. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said providing access to data in response to said verification comprises decrypting said data.
8. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said user information comprises information regarding the identification of the sender and the identification of a recipient.
9. (Currently Amended) A system for processing information in a network having a plurality of processors and having a plurality of printers in a printing system in a business environment for a user of a printer for access to data to be printed by said printer comprising:
a processor located at a first location in said network capable of executing the following process:
providing a printed card comprising a low cost disposable material consisting of one of a paper sheet and a piece of card stock;
reading indicia from [a] the printed card descriptive of user information of at least one of information about a sender of said data and information about a recipient for said data and

data information of at least one of credentials for authorization of a print job, credentials for authentication of a print job, information for decryption of a print job, and information for identification of a print job, said indicia comprising access credentials for access to said data;

verifying said access credentials based on said indicia;

providing access to data in response to said verification of said access credentials for access to said data; [and]

printing of said data at any printer located at a second location in said network different than said first location of said processor; and

collecting statistical data of the location of a printer of said plurality of printers in said printing system used for printing said data.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously presented) The system of Claim 9, wherein said indicia comprises a series of printed ink bar code symbols printed on a data card.

12. (Original) The system of Claim 9, wherein said indicia comprises a substance non-visible in the human visible light spectrum.

13. (Original) The system of Claim 9, wherein said user information comprises information regarding the identification of a sender and a recipient.

14. (Original) The system of Claim 9, wherein said data information comprises identification of the data and the source of the data.

15. (Currently amended) The system of Claim 9, wherein said data comprises ~~a-an~~ ink print job information.

16. (Original) The system of Claim 9, wherein said providing access to data in response to said verification comprises decrypting said data.

17. (Currently Amended) A system for processing information for a user of a printer in a printing system in a business environment for access to data to be printed by said printer comprising:

a computer located at a first location operably coupled to an external peripheral device to form a network having a plurality of computers and having a plurality of printers connected thereto, said network being operable to:

receive a data card comprising a low cost disposable material consisting of one of a paper sheet and a piece of card stock, said data card including printed indicia descriptive of user information of at least one of information about a sender of said data and information about a recipient for said data and data information of at least one of credentials for authorization of a print job, credentials for authentication of a print job, information for decryption of a print job, and information for identification of a print job, said indicia comprising access credentials for access to said data;

read said indicia to access said user information and data information for verifying said access credentials;

provide access to said data on the basis of said verifying said access credentials; [and] printing of said data at any printer located at a second location in said network different than said first location of said computer; and

collecting statistical data of the location of the printer in said printing system used for printing said data.

18. (Original) The system of Claim 17, wherein said peripheral device is a printer.

19. (Original) The system of Claim 17, wherein said network is further operable to decrypt said data.

20. (Canceled)